

### ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A method for cosmetically treating human keratinous surfaces to ameliorate the adverse effects of aging and environment thereon by modulating keratinization of superficial epithelial cells forming said keratinous surfaces, comprising contacting said keratinous surfaces with a lipophilic keratinization modulating compound in a cosmetically acceptable carrier; a method for modulating keratinization of superficial epithelial cells, and a cosmetic composition for application to human keratinous surfaces comprising a receptor negative, lipophilic methoxytryptamine compound in a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

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